

GONZALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Marilyn A. Maxner, Chair
Edit and Response Committee
Grand Jury
County of Monterey
P.O. Box 414
Salinas, CA 93902

Dear Ms. Maxner;

I apologize for the confusion and incompleteness of our response to the Grand Jury Report. In regards to a response to the findings, the following is provided:

1. Lottery funds in 16 of 19 responding districts spent lottery money on employee salaries.
We fund library aides at our sites with these funds, pay for athletic costs with lottery and generally use these funds in these two areas.
2. No evidence that any lottery education revenues were being spent for prohibited purposes in Monterey County.
We acknowledge that we do not use lottery funds in any prohibited manner.
3. Four of nineteen districts place lottery funds in their general funds.
This district has a negotiated committee that yearly reviews the use of lottery funds.
4. Fifteen of the nineteen responding school districts do have special tracking accounts but many do not have sufficient detail to verify compliance.
I have not heard that our system is inappropriate by the Grand Jury nor by our independent auditors and will therefore assume no problem exists in this area for this district. In light of the new accounting software system and practices required by the state effective July 1, 2001 I expect all districts will be properly tracked.


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If additional information is needed please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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